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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: John L. Garrett, Jr.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF SENTENCED

A former Wayne County Deputy Sheriff was sentenced today to 18 months imprisonment for charges relating to marijuana conspiracy, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

John L. Garrett, Jr., 35, of Westland, Michigan, was sentenced today in United States District Court by Judge John Feikens.

Joined in the announcement were FBI Special Agent in Charge Daniel D. Roberts of the Detroit Division and Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge Robert L. Corso.

Garrett pleaded guilty on July 19, 2005 to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana. The offense arose when Garrett received a telephone call from one of the co-conspirators informing him that a Federal Express employee had a 25 pound box of marijuana belonging to the conspirators. Garrett used a police computer to obtain the Federal Express employee's home address and passed that information on to the leaders of the

conspiracy. Two of the conspirators broke into the employee's home and physically assaulted him. The Federal Express employee had no knowledge or culpability of the marijuana activities.

“Whenever a law enforcement official is involved in a crime, a crucial bond of trust is broken and the safety of the entire community is put at risk. For this reason, we will aggressively fight corruption wherever it is found, including when it involves law enforcement officials,” said U.S. Attorney Murphy.

The federal investigation has been conducted by the FBI working in conjunction with DEA and the South Rockwood Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States David Portelli.